Release ofISD/STD/PCO/FAX etc.

3881. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the District-wise/State-wise/year-wise number of ISD/STD/PCOs/Fax etc., released during the last three years in different parts of the country; and

(b) the number of ISD/STD/PCOs/Fax etc., proposed to be released during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recovery of Outstanding dues in Bihar

† 3882. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1743 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 2001 and state :

(a) whether any steps are being taken to recover the outstanding amount of MARR telephone of Sugaon, District Motihari with a view to restart this public telephone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps being taken by Government to install a new public telephone; and

(d) what is the number of MARR telephones in Bihar for which the outstanding amount has not been paid and the steps being taken to reinstall these or to give new connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Village Public Telephone holder of Sugaon Panchayat, District Motihari has applied for payment of outstanding dues in two instalments. There will be no problem in restoring this telephone after full payment is made.

(c) If payment is not made, further action is proposed to be taken as per rules for shifting to new location.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.